

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	EDUCAFUTURO: PROJECT TO COMBAT CHILD LABOR AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN ECUADOR AND PANAMA BY PROVIDING DIRECT EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOOD SERVICES
REGION/COUNTRY	THE AMERICAS/ Ecuador and Panama
PROJECT DURATION	December 27, 2012 – December 27, 2016
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2012: USD 6,500,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	<p>In Panama, more than 60,000 children are economically active or working while in Ecuador, there are over 155,000 children who are economically active or working. Although Ecuador and Panama have made efforts during the last decade to combat child labor, children remain engaged in the worst forms of child labor, particularly in agriculture, domestic labor, and informal urban labor. These are often Afro-descendant, indigenous and migrant children. Additionally, there are child laborers affected by disabilities whose educational and livelihood options have been compromised.</p>
TARGETS	<p>This project targets 6830 beneficiaries which include children, youth, and households. EducaFuturo will reduce hazardous child labor in Ecuador and Panama especially among Afro-descendants, indigenous, migrant populations, and those affected by disabilities. In Panama, the project will be present in Bocas del Toro, Colon, Darien, and in the comarcas of Ngobe-Bugle and Embera-Wounnan. In Ecuador, the project will be present in Azuay, Cañar, Guayas, and Imbabura.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>To improve educational outcomes for child and adolescents involved in child labor; and improve family income so that households do not need to rely on the work of children for survival.</p> <p>Intermediate Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase access to education and livelihood opportunities for families vulnerable to child labor;

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- Provide educational services to reduce child labor and improve educational outcomes for vulnerable children and adolescents;
- Implement livelihood programs and link families to existing programs to improve family income;
- Expand access to education and livelihood opportunities for families affected by child labor and disability;
- Promote effective practices and models to increase access and improve education and livelihood opportunities for families vulnerable to child labor between Ecuador, Panama and other countries.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Offer accelerated education courses (Espacios para Crecer)
- Enroll adolescents in an education and job promotion program (A Ganar)
- Create links to job training (Panama)
- Create links to government small business support (Ecuador)
- Link beneficiaries to microfinance & savings clubs
- Offer vocational training for migrants
- Link beneficiaries with government and NGO social protection through “social service fairs”
- Link youth to existing skills-building programs
- To create private sector partnerships to reduce child labor
- Conduct supply chain , stake-holder mapping, and value-chain analysis
- Enroll and mainstream disabled children in EPCs, A Ganar, and schools.

GRANTEE

Partners of the Americas in collaboration with community based organizations.

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